

**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations

Bill Number: HB 737

Title: Emergency Services – Exposure to Contagious Diseases and Viruses

**Notification and Other Requirements** 

Hearing Date: February 23, 2021

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 737 – Emergency Services – Exposure to Contagious Diseases and Viruses – Notification and Other Requirements.* The bill would add COVID-19 to the list of infectious diseases that require notification if first responders have been exposed. The bill also authorizes the utilizing of the State Health Information Exchange to make such notifications. The bill is important to protecting the health of first responders. We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide additional perspective on telehealth, please contact Robyn Elliott at <a href="mailto:relliott@policypartners.net">relliott@policypartners.net</a> or (443) 926-3443.